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## EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT

### **Code of Conduct: Standard and Values**

**a. Uphold the integrity and reputation of Youth for Social Development by ensuring that my professional and personal conduct is demonstrably consistent with YSD's values and standards**

- I will seek to maintain and enhance public confidence in YSD by being accountable for the professional and personal actions that I take and ensuring that I manage the power that comes with YSD position with appropriate restraint
- Whilst observing the requirements of the code of conduct, I will also be sensitive to and respectful of, local customs and culture, even if the norms and values in that cultural context differ from the code of conduct. I will if necessary seek (and will receive) support and advice from YSD.
- I will not work under the influence of alcohol or use, or be in a possession of illegal substances on YSD premises, vehicles or accommodation.

**b. Treat all people with respect and dignity and challenges any form of harassment, discrimination, intimidation, exploitation or abuse.**

- YSD staff holds a privileged position of power and trust in relation to our partners and the communities that we come from and serve. When carrying out YSD's mission I understand that it is important not to abuse my own position of power/unequal power relationships in any way.
- Recognising my role in YSD's mission to challenge injustice and poverty, I will respect all people's rights, including children's rights and I will contribute to a working environment characterised by mutual respect, integrity, dignity and non-discrimination.
- I will ensure that my relationships and behaviour are not exploitative, abusive or corrupt in any way, and I will not engage in any form of sexual abuse or exploitation of any persons of any age.
- In line with international standards I will not have sexual relations with children (defined as under 18 years old) or with beneficiaries (in exchange for assistance or any other reason) recognising the inherent unequal power dynamics involved, and that such behaviours can undermine the integrity and credibility of YSD's work;
- I will also not exchange money offers of employment favours, nor any other forms of humiliating, degrading or exploitative behaviour, understanding that these standards exist to challenge sexually exploitative and abusive behaviour.

- I will use my best endeavours to report any such behaviours or malpractice in the workplace by others to my line management or through recognised confidential reporting systems.
- c. Perform my duties and conduct my private life in a manner that avoids possible conflicts of interest with the work of YSD**
- I will declare any financial, personal, family (or close intimate relationship) interest in matters of official business which may impact on the work of YSD (e.g. contract for goods/services, employment or promotion within YSD, partner organisation, beneficiary groups)
  - I will advise YSD of any intention to seek a nomination as a prospective candidate or another official role for any political party or public office to clarify whether any conflict, or perceived conflicts, with my duties with YSD may arise.
  - Even when the giving and acceptance of gifts is normal cultural practice I will reject monetary gifts or inappropriate gifts from governments, beneficiaries, donors, suppliers and other persons, which have been offered to me as a result of my employment with YSD. Where the giving and acceptance of gifts is normal cultural practice, I will ensure that such gifts are within the limits of reasonable judgements and in accordance with procurement policies and I will report gifts to the line management and where appropriate hand them onto YSD.
  - I will assure that assistance by YSD is not provided in return of any service or favour from others.
  - I will act against any form of corruption and not offer, promise, give or accept any bribes.
- d. Be responsible for the use of information, equipment, money and resources to which I have access by reason of my employment with YSD.**
- I will use my discretion when handling sensitive or confidential information.
  - I will seek authorization before communicating externally in YSD's name and will avoid any unintended detrimental repercussions for me or YSD.
  - I will appropriately account for all YSD money and property (e.g. vehicles, office equipments, electronics, furniture, and YSD provided accommodation, computers including internet, e-mail and intranet)
- e. Protect the health, safety, security and welfare of all YSD employees, volunteers and contractors.**
- I will undertake and act on appropriate risk assessments.
  - I will comply with local security management guidelines and be pro-active in informing management of any necessary changes to such guidelines.
  - I will behave in such a way as to avoid any unnecessary risk to the safety, health and welfare of myself and others including beneficiaries and partner organizations.
  - Promote human rights, protect environment and oppose criminal or unethical activities.

- I will; ensure that my conduct is consistent with the human rights framework to which YSD subscribes.
- I will use my best endeavours to protect the natural environment and work in a sustainable way.
- I will contribute to preventing all forms of criminal or unethical activities.
- I will inform YSD of any relevant criminal convictions or charges I have had prior to my employment in which YSD may have a legitimate interest.
- I will also notify YSD if I face any criminal charge during my employment that may impede my employment that may impede my ability to perform the duties of my position subject to national legislation

I will adhere to following policies and procedures of Youth for Social Development (YSD) (see list below) that support the above standards:

- 1) Financial Management Policy
- 2) General Personnel Policy
- 3) Procurement Policy
- 4) Fixed Assets Policy
- 5) Communication Policy
- 6) Anti-sexual Harassment Policy
- 7) Child Protection Policy
- 8) Computer Policy
- 9) Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy
- 10) Internship Policy
- 11) Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy
- 12) Use of Personal vehicle for Organisation Policy
- 13) Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- 14) Whistle-Blowing Policy
- 15) Grievance Readressal and Disciplinary Policy
- 16) Code of Conduct and Behaviour at Work Policy

In accepting my appointment, I undertake to discharge my duties and to regulate my conduct in accordance with the requirements of this Code thereby contributing to YSD's quality of performance and reputation.

***Signature***

Name of the employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_